

Weekly Views

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Correction

Friday, October 24, 2008

"To be nobody but yourself
in a world which is doing its
best day and night to make
you everybody else means to
fight the hardest battle
which any human being can
fight, and never stop
fighting." ~ e.e. Cummings

Lt. Tony Keith and K-9 Marlene from Putnamville Correctional Facility both received the "Award of Merit" from the International Police Work Dog Association in recognition of their outstanding performance in Police K-9 Service.

40 IUPUI Criminal Justice students partnered with 35 Pendleton Juvenile GED-level offenders in a two-session writing program recently. In small groups, students exchanged ideas and view points and collaborated on the writing assignments.

New Castle Correctional Facility administrators and 2 offenders presented \$1,200 raised by a KFC food sale to the Double Q Foundation, which provides Summer Camp opportunities to underprivileged juveniles with diabetes.

Miami Correctional Facility recently hosted its third Kairos Prison Ministry weekend event, which included talks, discussions, meditations, worship, and music. More than 50 volunteers came together to put on the weekend for about 30 offenders.

Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility's CLIFF program presented its STAR (Students Talking About Recovery) program to classes at Culver Community Middle School. The program features CLIFF program participants talking to youth on how their drug use lead to criminal acts, broken homes and families, and incarceration.

Westville Correctional Facility held a ceremony recognizing the 220 GEDs, 203 vocational education certificates, several correspondence Associate's degrees, and one correspondence Bachelor's degree awarded this year.

Acoustic rock group Blue Sky Nine recently visited Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility to put on a mini concert for the female population. The band performed several songs that deal with teenage and young adult experiences and life questions.

12 students from a Criminal Justice class at Franklin College toured the Edinburgh Correctional Facility. The students received information about the facility work crews and programs.

A film crew from the 3 Angels Broadcasting Company visited the Pendleton Correctional Facility to conduct a site survey in preparation for an upcoming project. They will tape the facility's Reality Check Program and a religious service program.

Madison Mayor Tim Armstrong and Police Chief John Wallace hosted a cookout lunch for city street employees and the crews from the Madison Correctional Facility as a "thank you" for cleaning up the city from summer's wind storm damage.

Correctional Industrial Facility's PLUS and Fatherhood Programs donated \$500 each to the Salvation Army.

Agents and Supervisors from Parole Districts #3 and #4B participated in surveillance training in conjunction with Cumberland Police Officers, retired DEA officers, IMPD Vice Officers, and IMPD Covert Operations Officers. The training will assist Agents in monitoring high risk sex offenders in the community.

Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility served as the host facility for the IDOC's PLUS Advisory Board, where they discussed topics concerning PLUS policies and procedures.

The Plainfield Correctional Complex (PREF, RDC, and IYC) held its Regional Community Advisory Board Meeting.

The Correctional Industrial Facility hosted its fourth Kairos weekend event. Kairos Prison Ministry is an international, lay-led Christian ministry which conducts a highly structured program designed for use in correctional institutions.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner